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92nd Homecoming
JANET PASCHAL IN CONCERT
Graduation 2011 is history. It was a wonderful, warm May morning when hundreds of relatives and friends filed the John W. Swails Center to congratulate the graduating seniors. It was a milestone not only for the students, but for their families as well. Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning, as these fine young men and women move from our campus into a complex world that desperately needs Christlike examples.

There are simple yet wise words recorded in Micah 6:8. These are words we all need to hear. “And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Simple words, yet so deep.

- **Act justly** – Honesty and integrity are virtues that still matter and will take a person far in life.
- **Love mercy** – Kindness, civility, and forgiveness will make our world a better place in which to live.
- **Walk humbly with your God** – An unfeigned faith that leads to humbleness of heart is a mark of a true follower of Jesus.

In a complex world, these simple truths will steer us in the right direction. Whether one is a recent graduate or a not-so-recent one like me, these words remind us that the inner work of character and faith far outweigh external achievement.

Pray for our recent graduates as they embark toward new horizons. Also, pray for Emmanuel College that as we grow forward, we will continue to instill the Christ-centered, life-changing values in our students.
For Alumni and Friends of Emmanuel College

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THE 2011 commencement ceremony took place Saturday, May 7, in the John W. Swails Center on the campus of Emmanuel College.

The Sandy Fitzgerald Harper Memorial Scholarship and the Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund were announced as this year's new scholarships. The Sandy Fitzgerald Harper Memorial Scholarship was established by Sandy Fitzgerald Harper's family to honor her memory and will be awarded to a business student in financial need. The Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Mrs. Marlowe Collins in honor of her husband, Mr. Ray Collins, and their son, Todd Collins, and will benefit full-time students who need financial assistance and would otherwise be unable to attend Emmanuel.

Rev. John Hedgepeth, a graduate of Emmanuel and current pastor of Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, gave the 2011 commencement address. Awards were presented to members of the Emmanuel College faculty and staff and to two graduating seniors who stood out among the Class of 2011.

Over 130 bachelor and associate degrees were awarded, and the newest group of alumni was inducted into the Emmanuel College National Alumni Association.
The family of Sandy Fitzgerald Harper has established this scholarship both to honor her memory and to assist future business students at Emmanuel College. A graduate of Emmanuel, Sandy was able to build on the skills she obtained as a business student. She advanced and became quite successful at jobs in Greenville, South Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia. There are many words that could describe Sandy Fitzgerald Harper, words such as positive, caring, selfless, hard-working, and intelligent, to name a few. She was always a dedicated professional who also found creative ways to use her business skills. She organized a reading program for local school children while working in Atlanta. After her death, the company decided to continue the program in her memory. She is greatly missed by many dedicated friends and loving family members. It is the desire of her family that this scholarship be used each year to help support an Emmanuel College business student. The primary determining factor for this scholarship will be financial need. Sandy always cared about the needs of those around her. It is only fitting that a scholarship in her name be established to help students who share her goals and who need financial assistance. The Sandy Fitzgerald Harper Memorial Scholarship will help keep her memory alive for years to come while blessing future students at Emmanuel College.

Mrs. Marlowe Collins of Oakwood, Georgia, has established the Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor the memory of her husband, Mr. Ray Collins, and their son, Todd Collins. These gentlemen knew that every good and wonderful gift comes from God, and they always gave Him the glory and praise for the blessings God abundantly bestowed on them.

The scholarship has been established to benefit full-time students who need financial assistance and would otherwise be unable to attend Emmanuel. Students must meet the federal guidelines for financial aid to qualify for this scholarship. It is the family’s desire that this fund serve to bless and enrich the lives of the young men and women who receive it.
IN MARK 10:13, Jesus ministered to children – much to the confusion of His disciples. How rude, they must have thought, when the children’s dirty hands tugged at Jesus’ robe. But despite the disciples’ criticism, Jesus insisted that the Kingdom of God belongs to the young as well as the old. He advised, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Mark 10:13). Jesus also issued harsh warnings for those who would inflict harm on children. In
one of His most violent statements in the New Testament, he cautioned, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6). The message is clear: kids matter to God. And they should matter to the Church.

But how can the Church live this out? For over 100 years, the IPHC has demonstrated God's love for kids through the Falcon Children's Home in Falcon, North Carolina. Falcon Children's Home offers care aimed primarily at family reunification. They offer a safe refuge for a child when his or her parents are unable to provide care. FCh also helps parents become stable again in the hopes of reconciliation with their kids. It is not an easy thing to accomplish, but the leaders of the organization possess the God-given endurance necessary.

Joseph Leggett, CEO, is one of those leaders. Since starting his work at the home in 2007, he has brought new direction and growth to the ministry.

“I’ve learned to rely upon the Holy Spirit for guidance,” he says, “and never to be afraid to dream of what could be if we work hard and lean upon the Lord. That has served me well in this ministry. We have gone from 16 students (when I first arrived), to over 70 now. We’ve ventured out into new territories, like starting a teen mothers program, an on-campus GED program, and an independent living program. And this fall for the first time in FCH’s history, we will have a Christian school on campus!”

Joseph has a long-running legacy with Falcon Children’s Home. He lived in Falcon from the age of six until the time he moved away to attend Emmanuel College.

“I went to the same schools as the kids at FCH,” he adds, “I played sports with them. My father was pastor of the church that the children from FCH attended." This deep connection with the institution is one of the main reasons he felt called to lead it. Although a pastor usually fills the role, his unique qualifications and life experiences made him an unexpectedly perfect fit.

He explains: “I realized that my time at EC had shaped me for the position. My very first class was Dr. Kirk Hartsfield’s Psychology 101. Dr. Sorrels’ sociology class was really what led me to major in social work and to a history of working with children. I’d been a social worker in the foster care arena, worked with the Child Protective Services Department and the North Carolina Department of Probation/Parole. God was definitely pulling at my heart and would not let up until I followed his leading to apply for the position. So after much prayer and after some very intense but helpful conversations with my father, I called Bishop Chris Thompson and expressed my interest. After the board’s approval, I began my new role on October 15, 2007. And I’ve sensed God pouring out his blessings on the campus of Falcon Children’s Home since day one here.”

Whether he’s creating budgets, meeting with Social Services representatives, or leading devotions, Mr. Leggett does it all because of God’s love for kids.

“It is so rewarding to see the transformation that occurs when a child begins to trust,” he remarks. “There are many rewards in working at FCH, but none are as rewarding as being able to play a part in introducing them to the best Father they will ever know. There is an emotional strain for me when I see children and young adults hurting. We have children at FCH who have been through some of the most horrific instances of abuse imaginable. But the most rewarding part of my job is seeing children who feel they have no hope accept Jesus Christ and His hope.”

EC alumni are already helping Mr. Leggett’s efforts in many ways; however, there is always a need for more support.

“I know the foreign mission field is in need too,” Mr. Leggett admits, “but there is a real mission field right here at FCH, and we could always use volunteers who want to make a difference.”

If you’re interested in aiding the children’s home, go to http://www.falconchildrenshome.com
NEW MAJOR APPROVED FOR EMMANUEL COLLEGE

**Web Design**

**Health & Physical Education Degree Now Available**

At its April 14, 2011, meeting, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) approved the new Health and Physical Education Teacher Education Program at Emmanuel College. This degree program will be administered within the School of Education and prepare future teachers in health and physical education in grades P-12. A board of examiners from the PSC visited the college in February, and their report to the full commission indicated that Emmanuel College met all eight required standards.

According to Dr. Vicki Hollinshead, dean of the School of Education, “This new program is in keeping with the philosophy of Emmanuel College, which is based on a Christian worldview, and the School of Education’s mission, which is to integrate faith, living, learning, and teaching in such a way as to prepare prospective teachers to become servant leaders who make a positive contribution in a diverse society.”

The program director, Dr. Richard Reiselt, indicated the courses required for this program will begin being offered during the 2012 fall semester. He states, “This will be a welcome addition to the variety of degree programs offered at Emmanuel College. Once the word gets out, I anticipate this program will be one of the largest enrollments in the college.”

For further information contact Dr. Vicki Hollinshead at vhollinshead@ec.edu, or Dr. Richard Reiselt at rreiselt@ec.edu.

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**BOOK**

**THE DANGER OF ANGER**

**REMOVING ANGER FROM THE ROOT**

Teryl and Kathy Todd

The Danger of Anger is actually the story of Teryl W. Todd, an Emmanuel College graduate. This is a story that ends with deliverance and healing, but it doesn’t begin there. For many years, anger simmered inside Todd, and he wrestled with feelings he didn’t understand.

Here he was, the pastor of a great church and enjoying wonderful, intimate times with God, preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and seeing numerous people get saved. Yet emotions he didn’t understand were clawing at his soul.

A deep-seated anger was ruling his life and affecting those he loved. He could be conversing in a normal tone, and the next minute he would be angry. The fuse kept getting shorter and shorter.

He was at a complete loss. He asked, “What’s wrong with me?” and “Why can’t I control my feelings?”

To make things worse, the guilt Todd felt at being a minister of the Gospel, yet wrestling to keep a lid on his rage, zapped his emotional energy. Most of the time his anger would show up suddenly, unannounced, and without warning.

But, thank God, Jesus healed his heart and set him free!

In the spring of 2009, Todd preached a series of sermons on anger. This book is essentially a compilation of those messages.

Does anger rule the life of someone you love? This book could be a key in helping him or her be set free. Todd strongly believes that it will bring deliverance and healing to many.

Each of the nine chapters includes discussion questions for use by small groups.

This book sells for $10 with a 20% discount for orders of 10 copies or more. To order, simply go to www.TerylTodd.com.

Todd also invites you to visit his church website: www.evangelag.org, where you can download audio sermons, view videos and find out what is happening at Evangel Assembly.
EMMANUEL COLLEGE’S VOLUNTEER CORPS met the challenge twice recently, first in April and again in May.

On April 14, 2011, volunteers arrived early in the morning to help install 400 plants around the library’s new reading plaza.

Volunteers included local alumni, the men’s basketball team, this summer’s Costa Rica missions team, and members of the Emmanuel College staff.

Within one hour, all 400 plants were sorted and arranged according to the landscape plan. From 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., volunteers dug holes and put plants into the ground. Lunch was provided at the Emmanuel College Dining Hall.

On Thursday, May 5, the final modifications and details to the reading plaza were set in place. All of the flowers were planted around the trees, and large potted vases were positioned with their own colorful flowers planted in them. The fountain, which is illuminated at night, was added and filled with water. Tables, chairs, and benches put the final touches on the beautiful new addition to Emmanuel’s campus.

Volunteers in May included local alumni, Emmanuel staff, and Harold Taylor, G. F. Taylor’s grandson.

“The work that the alumni, students, staff, and team members accomplished enhances the landscape of the EC Library area. Thanks to each of you who came to help. You are appreciated!” says EC Alumni President Sherm Smith.

As always, the Volunteer Corps offers more than just a way of assisting the college. It provides an opportunity for alumni of all ages to fellowship with current students and staff.

Dedication of the Library Reading Plaza will take place during homecoming weekend 2011.
ALUMNOTES

1970s

NANCY (COPELAND) WRIGHT ('75)
I married Danny Wright, whom I met in church, in November 1976. We spent seven years living in Saudi Arabia. We have three children: Stephanie lives with her family in Grays Lake, Illinois; Regina and her family, and our son, Thomas, live in Rock Hill. I have a degree in elementary education but have spent my life serving in every church we attended, raising children, and remodeling houses. My husband’s job has required us to move frequently. We have four precious grandchildren. I spend my days now still serving in church on the worship team and teaching the high school students’ Sunday school class, gardening, teaching my grandchildren music, and still, remodeling our current home.

KEITH YEATTS ('78)
I am in the master of education (school counselor) program at Liberty University online. I recovered from pneumonia last April at the Morehead hospital in Eden, North Carolina. I was in the hospital for 17 days and in an induced coma on a ventilator for 7 of those days. The nurses told my wife, Linda, that she should make arrangements as they did not expect me to live, but God heard my wife’s cry for help. Thank you, God, for healing me. After arriving home from the hospital, I was given physical therapy and was on oxygen therapy. I’d lost all strength while in the hospital and used a walker to get around the house. I am now a part-time door greeter at Sam’s Club in Danville, Virginia, which is perfect for my graduate classes at Liberty.

1990s

AMY (HEMPHILL) HANLEY ('96)
Amy Hanley and her husband, Bobby, live in Carnesville, Georgia. They are the parents of four happy, healthy children. Joshua, their youngest, was given his name because Joshua means “God Saves.” Despite the urging of several doctors, Amy did not have an abortion and instead chose to have cancer treatments while pregnant and leave the result up to God. Joshua will celebrate his first birthday on August 28, 2011. You can re-read Amy’s full story in the Spring 2011 issue of the Quad. Amy’s mother is Mary McBath, a 1968 graduate of Emmanuel. Amy and Bobby Hanley can be reached at hanley5@windstream.net.

2000s

AMANDA (COUCH) GRIER ('00)
I have been teaching in Forsyth County, where I am currently teaching physical education, for 11 years. I am married to Shane Grier. We live on a farm and have three children: Kamryn (6), Mark (2), and Kate (4 mos.). My most recent professional honor was a Heroes in the Classroom award, where I was honored on the sidelines of the Atlanta Falcons game. For more information about this honor, check out this link: http://www.symetra.com/heroes/falcons/.

We reserve the right to edit AlumNotes for content and space.
2000s

ALPHONZA (’01 & ’02) & ANDREA GIBBS (’01)
In 1997, Al Gibbs began to pursue his dream to become a successful business owner one day. His training began at Emmanuel College, where he obtained a B.S. in both business administration (2001) and computer information systems (2002). While pursuing dual degrees, Al was also captain of the men’s basketball team. Al furthered his education and completed two CPA-track degrees, a master’s in accounting & financial management (2007) and a master’s in business administration (2008). He resigned from his corporate accounting position to walk in faith and begin operating and progressively growing a distinguished accounting and tax firm, A. Gibbs & Associates, LLC, located in Conyers, Georgia. Al hosts several empowerment seminars during the year and thoroughly enjoys motivational speaking. While attending EC, Al met the beautiful Andrea Barrett. Andrea obtained her B.S. in kinesiology (2002) while also leading the Lady Lions basketball team as captain. Andrea is an entrepreneur, operating her own photography company, Andrea K. Photography, LLC. Al and Andrea tied the knot on August 25, 2001. They now have three wonderful children and reside in Conyers, Georgia. They can be reached at www.agibbsassociates.com and www.andreakphotography.com

JENNIFER (THORPE) CORNETT (’03)
Jennifer Thorpe Cornett and Vince Cornett are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Austin Lewis Cornett. Austin was born on April 30, 2011, at 10:03 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 9oz. and was 20in. long. Jennifer is a 2003 graduate of the School of Education at Emmanuel College.

WE REMEMBER

MADGE MCDOWELL DAVIS
Madge McDowell Davis, 92, of Abbeville County, South Carolina, passed away June 25, 2010. Mrs. Davis was born on the family farm in Saluda, South Carolina, to the late John Wilson and Madge Parkman McDowell. Mrs. Davis received her A.A. from Emmanuel College in 1938 and a B.A. in education from Piedmont College. She loved Emmanuel College and remained an active supporter of the college and alumni programs. Mrs. Davis’ son, Carl, serves on the Emmanuel College faculty in the Education Department. Carl’s daughters, Carla Fallin (’91) and Jena, and son-in-law, Kevin Fallin (’90), also attended Emmanuel. Carl and his wife, Jene, along with Rolando Urquizo, were able to take his mother to her last alumni event in the fall before her death. She was extremely proud that she lived to celebrate her 71st EC Alumni Reunion. She remained close to many of her classmates, including Dot Ferguson Caddell, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Oliver, and Sara James Wilson.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD WOOD, SR.
Mr. Wood died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in Paris, Texas. Born in Ware Shoals, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Catherine Clifford and Jeff Holmes Wood, Sr. Mr. Wood attended and graduated from a variety of schools, including Emmanuel College, where he received his A.A. in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army 1959-1962 and was stationed at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. Mr. Wood worked approximately 35 years as a loss prevention specialist with Great American Insurance Company. He and his family lived in many different places until his retirement in 1999, when he moved to Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Wood’s special gifting was a servant’s heart (Romans 12:6-7). While he held few formal positions of power or authority, he embodied Jesus’ teaching on servant leadership as he served his family, the church, friends, and neighbors. Mr. Wood is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Sara Kendrick Wood, and a host of other family members and friends. Memorial contributions for Mr. Wood may be made to Emmanuel College for the New Campus Entrance Project.

REV. ROGER LANE YUHASZ
Rev. Roger Lane Yuhasz, 63, of Meadowview, Virginia, passed away in his home on Friday, December 3, 2010. Born on December 31, 1946, Mr. Yuhasz grew up in Gary, West Virginia, the son of Zola Mae Johnson Yuhasz and John L. Yuhasz. He was the oldest of five boys, brothers Edward, Robert, Jackie, and William. After attending Emmanuel College (’66) and Marshall College, Roger moved to Meadowview to start a 30-year career at the Washington County Department of Social Services and to become pastor of Meadowview PHC. There, at the bottom of the hill, he met and married Norma Jean Humphreys. They were married September 13, 1969, and had two children, George Louis Yuhasz of Atlanta, Georgia, and Sarah Elizabeth Yuhasz of Abingdon, Virginia. Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, on October 7, 2003.
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$75 PER COUPLE
$100 PER FAMILY

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$25 GOLDEN GRADS (COUPLE)

A more detailed schedule will follow. Mark your calendars now and reserve your place at this fun-filled, reunion weekend for Emmanuel College’s 92nd Homecoming!

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